

THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A data retrieval system comprising:

a first computing device communicatively coupled to a second computing device;

the first computing device having a processor that supports operation of at least one software application that is used for retrieving data;

the second computing device communicatively coupled to one or more storage media;

the software application having a retrieval module for retrieving data from the one or more storage media and a browsing application program configured to display information relating to data to be retrieved;

a storage and backup map that maps to the second computing device; and

a data index stored on the second computing device that indicates to the retrieval module a particular location of the data that is to be retrieved by the retrieval module.

2. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the software application interoperates with an interface module.

3. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the software application interoperates with a backup retrieval module.

4. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the software application interoperates with a file system program.

5. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the browsing application program is dynamic and changes to reflect information regarding data to be retrieved.

6. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the browsing application program may be modified to display information regarding data to be retrieved specified by a user.

7. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein a user may interact with the browsing application program to request specific information regarding data to be retrieved.

8. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein a user may interact with the browsing application program to search for specific information regarding data to be retrieved.

9. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein a user may interact with the browsing application program to define a temporal range that specifies certain data to be retrieved.

10. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the browsing application program, is based, at least in part, on a Microsoft Windows program.

11. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the Microsoft Windows program is Windows Explorer.